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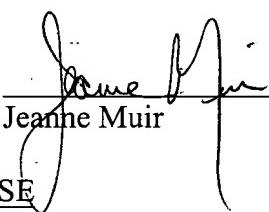
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Jeanne MuirRESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed June 29, 1999, in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment AIn the specification:

Page 5, line 13, replace the first occurrence of "20" with --10--.

Page 2, line 4, replace "This application is a continuation in part" with - This application claims priority --.

In the Claims:

please delete without prejudice Claims 1-β, 9 and 10.